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SUBJECT: KOREAN ITEM AT 30TH UNGA

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1. AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR, ON AUGUST 26 THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON THE MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES, MANOS MEGALOKONOMOS, TO PRESENT OUR VIEWS ON THE FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA. KOREAN AMBASSADOR CHAE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER STAVROPOULOS AND WAS TO SEE HIM AGAIN ON AUGUST 28.

2. MEGALOKONOMOS, WHO UNTIL A FEW MONTHS AGO WAS THE DEPUTY GREEK PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS, SAID THAT HE WAS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE KOREAN ITEM AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE VARIOUS CONSIDERATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS.

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HE INDICATED THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED RECENTLY

IN THE MINISTRY WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TZOUNIS. ALTHOUGH THE MFA FOUND SEVERAL GOOD POINTS IN THE FRIENDLY DRAFT RESOLUTION, A CONSENSUS EMERGED THAT THE REFERENCE TO THE DESIGNATION OF "MILITARY OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS SUCCESSORS IN COMMAND TO ENSURE ENFORCEMENT OF ALL PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT" WAS A SERIOUS TACTICAL WEAKNESS IN THE DRAFT.

3. MEGALOKONOMOS SAID THAT THIS REFERENCE WOULD MAKE THE DRAFT RESOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER SIDE AND TO MANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UN SINCE IT IMPLIED THAT THE US WOULD GIVE A "MANDATE" TO U.S. MILITARY OFFICERS TO SUCCEED THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN ITS ENFORCEMENT ROLE REGARDING THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE MFA CONSENSUS WAS THAT GREECE COULD NOT CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION UNLESS THIS PROVISION WAS CHANGED. MOREOVER, MEGALOKONOMOS SUGGESTED, ALTHOUGH A FINAL POSITION HAD NOT YET BEEN TAKEN ON THE MATTER THERE WAS ALSO SOME QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER GREECE COULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION. WHICH RESPECT TO THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION MEGALOKONOMOS SAID THE MFA HAD NOT YET STUDIED THIS DRAFT AND HAD TAKEN NO POSITION.

4. MEGALOKONOMOS HASTENED TO SAY THAT THE MFA AGREED FULLY WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WHICH CONTAINED MANY POSITIVE POINTS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GREEKS AGREED THAT THE BILATERAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE ROK WAS ENTIRELY PROPER AND UP TO THE TWO COUNTRIES TO DETERMINE. THE GREEK RESERVATION ONLY HAD TO DO WITH THE REACTION AT THE UN TO THE REFERENCE IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THE U.S.. HE IMPLIED THAT IF THIS REFERENCE WAS DROPPED, SO THAT ONLY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAS MENTIONED, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR GREECE TO CO-SPONSOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

5. AMBASSADOR CHAE HAS REPORTED TO US THE RESULTS OF HIS AUGUST 28 MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER STAVROPOULOS. STAVROPOULOS TOLD HIM THAT IF GREECE CO-SPONSORS THE

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FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AS IT IS, THIS WOULD STIMULATE AN UNFAVORABLE REACTION TOWARD GREECE ON THE PART OF COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD. IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBLE EFFECT THIS WOULD HAVE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE AT THE UN, STAVROPOULOS INDICATED THAT HE COULD NOT, THEREFORE, AT THIS TIME, TELL AMBASSADOR CHAE THAT GREECE WOULD CO-SPONSOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. MORE TIME WAS NEEDED TO CONSIDER THE MATTER. ON THE OTHER HAND, ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR

CHAE, STAVROPOULOS SAID THAT GREECE WOULD VOTE FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. HE ADDED THAT THE MFA HAD NOT YET REACHED A POSITION REGARDING THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

6. STAVROPOULOS INDICATED TO CHAE THAT HE WILL LEAVE ON AUGUST 30 FOR NEW YORK TO HEAD THE GREEK DELEGATION TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA. WHILE HE IS IN NEW YORK HE HOPE TO HAVE CONTACT WITH VARIOUS WESTERN DELEGATIONS TO DISCUSS AMONG OTHER QUESTIONS THE KOREAN ITEM. WHEN HE RETURNS FROM NEW YORK, AND HOW LONG HE STAYS THERE WILL BE DETERMINED BY EVENTS AT THE SPECIAL SESSION, HE WILL CONSULT AGAIN WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT A FINAL GREEK POSITION BOTH WITH RESPECT TO THE FRIENDLY DRAFT RESOLUTION AND THE HOSTILE ONE.

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7. THE CONSELOR OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY, OTA, SAW MEGALOKONOMOS ON AUGUST 28 ON THE SAME SUBJECT. MEGALOKONOMOS TOLD HIM THE MFA HAD NOT YET REACHED A FINAL POSITION ON THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, THE CONSENSUS IN THE MFA WAS THAT THE REFERENCE TO THE U.S.

WAS A SERIOUS WEAKNESS IN THE DRAFT. IF IT WAS NOT CHANGED, MANY UN MEMBERS WOULD FIND THE DRAFT UNACCEPTABLE AND THEREFORE GREECE WOULD BE UNABLE TO CO-SPONSOR IT. MOREOVER, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR GREECE TO VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION BUT MIGHT PERHAPS ABSTAIN. MEGALOKONOMOS INDICATED TO OTA THAT HE HAD NOT STUDIED THE HOSTILE DRAFT RESOLUTION AND EXPRESSED NO VIEW ON IT.

8. WE ALSO TOUCHED BASE WITH THE HEAD OF CHANCERY (VEREKER) AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY. HE SAID THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS ON THE MATTER BUT VOLUNTEERED THAT IF IT WOULD BE HELPFUL THEY WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO SPEAK TO THE MFA IN SUPPORT OF OUR APPROACH.

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9. COMMENT: THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR STRESSED TO MEGALOKONOMOS THAT THE ONLY WAY TO INDUCE THE OTHER SIDE TO ADOPT A REASONABLE STAND IS TO SHOW THAT OUR POSITION HAS SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT. FOR THIS REASON WE CONSIDERED GREEK CO-SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, AND OPPOSITION TO THE HOSTILE ONE IMPORTANT. HE ALSO EXPLAINED OUR POSITION REGARDING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND PROVIDED ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. MEGALOKONOMOS INDICATED HE WAS AWARE OF ALL THESE POINTS BUT CONTINUED TO REFER TO THE REFERENCE TO THE U.S. IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS TACTICALLY A MISTAKE WHICH INFLUENCED THE GREEK POSITION.

10. SINCE STAVROPOULOS WILL BE IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK AND IN VIEW OF HIS EXTENSIVE UN EXPERIENCE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR USUN AND OTHER MISSIONS AMONG THE CO-SPONSORS TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM. (OTA IS MAKING A SIMILAR SUGGESTION TO THE JAPANESE MISSION. OTHER MIGHT INCLUDE THE UK, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE FRG - IF THE GERMANS HAVE AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR AS AMBASSADOR CHAE TOLD US THEY HAVE.) AFTER STAVROPOULOS RETURNS FROM NEW YORK WE COULD FOLLOW UP AGAIN HERE WITH THE MFA IN COORDINATION WITH THE JAPANESE AND OTHER CO-SPONSORS, IF NECESSARY. KUBISCH

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